LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Health and Human Needs Committee Meeting Wednesday, July 16, 2008 3:05 P.M. Third Floor, City Hall

Present: Chair: CW Woolridge

Members: CW Green (arrived 3:25p.m.), CW Welch and CM Benson

Also Present: CM Johnson

Chairman Woolridge began the meeting by announcing the members of the committee that were present. A quorum was not established.

Chairman Woolridge stated the Health and Human Needs Committee will have a new member, CM James Peden.

Pending Legislation

R-117-07-08 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN 4 WOMEN & ITS PARTNERS TO BUILD A CITY OF CHAMPIONS FOR WOMEN & GIRLS THROUGH ITS INAUGURAL CHAMPIONS 4 HER WALK, RUN & FESTIVAL.

Status: In-Committee

Primary Sponsor: Ellen Call

Motion to Approve made by Vicki Welch and seconded by Stuart Benson.

Discussion: Leah Pepper, Legislative Assistant for CW Call, the sponsor of the resolution, spoke to the item. She stated the resolution seeks to recognize Women 4 Women and its recent fund raiser for nine other local non-profits that support and help women in our community. She stated they are looking for support and for anyone who would like to become a sponsor. The total raised for the walk was \$160,000.

CW Welch, CW Woolridge and CM Benson asked to become Co-Sponsors of the Resolution.

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar** on the 7/24/08 Council Agenda.

For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Stuart Benson, Vicki Welch, Mary C. Woolridge

Against: (None) Abstain: (None) Absent: Judy Green

O-93-05-08 AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 39 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT.

Status: In-Committee - Tabled
Committee: Health & Human Needs
Primary Sponsor: Dan Johnson

Motion made to Untable made by Stuart Benson and seconded by Vicki Welch.

Chairman Woolridge stated she will ask the administration if they would recommend someone to come before the committee to speak to how the committee is addressing the language barrier at the present time.

Discussion: Matthew Lemme, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, CM Johnson, Legislative Assistant, Ray Manley spoke to the item and gave a slide presentation. The following was discussed.

- Breaking Down the Language Barrier * (Please see information below regarding DVD)
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Registration Act
- The year of 2000 Executive Order 13166 by President Clinton Extended to all of the federal agencies the requirement and the clarification of the fact that national origin does extend to language excess. A person cannot be denied excess to federal programs based upon their inability to speak or write the English language
- Language Barriers problems in the Neighborhood, Code Enforcement, Police Department and the Job site
- National Origin refers to Ancestry
 - ✓ Limited to English LEP
 - ✓ Discrimination against an individual who cannot speak, read, write or understand English
- Recipients
 - ✓ All State are local government, hospitals, police, Unemployment Office, Food Stamps and other state entities must provide LEP individuals rights.
 - ✓ Provide meaningful excess
- Language Barrier in the Judicial Center
- Issues are of great concern when children are involved
- Telephonic interpretation service

CM Johnson stated a college student ask him to look into Title VI. He stated she told him that the Title VI was not part of Metro Government Law presently and it should be. The student has done research of all the contracts and varying pay rates that Metro Government has and she hope the research will provide helpful information where everyone will be on the same page.

Ray Manley stated she was out of town and he will have her Power Point presentation at the next meeting.

Motion to **Table** made by Stuart Benson and Vicki Welch.

CW Woolridge made a motion to Adjourn without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

* PLEASE NOTE A COPY THE DVD REGARDING "BREAKING DOWN THE LANGUAGE BARRIER "CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the July 24, 2008 Metro Council Meeting.

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